Information from the Scottiſh Nation,

to all the true Engliſh, concerning the preſent Expedition.

OUR diſtreſſes in our Religion and Liberties being of late more preſſing then we were able to beare; our Supplications and Commiſſions, which were the remedies uſed by us for our reliefe, were after many delayes and repulſes, anſwered at laſt with the terrors of an Army comming to our borders; A peace was concluded, but not obſerved: And when we did complain of the breach, and ſupplicat for the performance, our Commiſſioners were hardly intreated; new and great preparations were made for war; and many acts of hoſtility done againſt us, both by Sea and land. In this caſe to ſend new Commiſſioners or ſupplications, were againſt experience, & hopeleſse; To maintain an Army on the borders is above our ſtrength, & cannot be a ſafety unto us by Sea: To retire homeward, were to call on our Enemies to follow us, & to make our ſelves & our Countrey, a prey by land, as our Ships & goods are made at Sea. We are therefore conſtrained at this time to come into *England*, not to make warre, but for ſeeking our relief and preſervation.

Duetie obligeth us to love *England* as our ſelves: Your grievances are ours; The preſervation or ruine of Religion & Liberties, is common to both Nations: We muſt now ſtand or fall together. Suffer not therefore malice & calumnie to prevaile ſo far as to perſwade, that we come to make warre, *Wee call Heaven and Earth to witneſſe*, that we are far from ſuch intentions, & that we have no purpoſe to fight, except we be forced, & in our own defence (as we have more fully expreſſed in our large *Declaration*) we come to get aſſurance of the injoying of our Religion & Liberties in peace againſt invaſion: and that the authors of all our grievances & yours being tryed in Parliament, & our wrongs redreſſed, the two Kingdomes may live in greater love & unitie then ever before, which to our common rejoycing, wee may confidently expect from the goodnes of God, if the wicked counſels of *Papiſts*, *Prelats* and other fire-brands their adherents be not more harkned unto, then our true and honeſt Declarations.

And where it may be conceived, that an Army cannot come into *England* but they will waſte & ſpoile; We declare, that no Souldiours ſhall be allowed to commit any out-rage, or do the ſmalleſt wrong, but ſhalbe puniſhed with ſeverity: That we ſhal take neither meat nor drink, nor any thing elſe, but for our moneyes: & when our moneyes are ſpent, for ſufficient ſurety, which by publique order ſhalbe given to all ſuch as ſhall furniſh us things neceſſary. We neither have ſpared, nor will we ſpare our pains, fortunes, & lyves in this cauſe of our aſſurance & your deliverance: & therefore cannot look from any well-affected to trueth & peace, to be either oppoſed by force & unjuſt violence in our peaceable paſsage, or to be diſcouraged by wilfull or uncharitable with-holding of meanes for our ſuſtentation on our way. We are brethren: Your worthy Predeceſsors at the time of Reformation, vouchſafed us their help & aſſiſtance. We have for many yeares lived in love: we have common deſires of the purity of Religion and quietnes of both Kingdomes: our hopes are to ſee better dayes in this Iland: our Enemies alſo are common: Let us not upon their ſuggeſtions or our own apprehenſions, be friends to them, & enemies to our ſelves: We deſire nothing but what in the like extreamity (which we pray God your Nation never find) we would moſt gladly upon the like Declaration grant unto you, comming with your Supplications to the Kings Majeſtie, were he living amongſt us: and what ye would we ſhould doe unto you, we truſt ye will be moved to doe even ſo unto us, that the bleſſing of GOD may reſt upon both.